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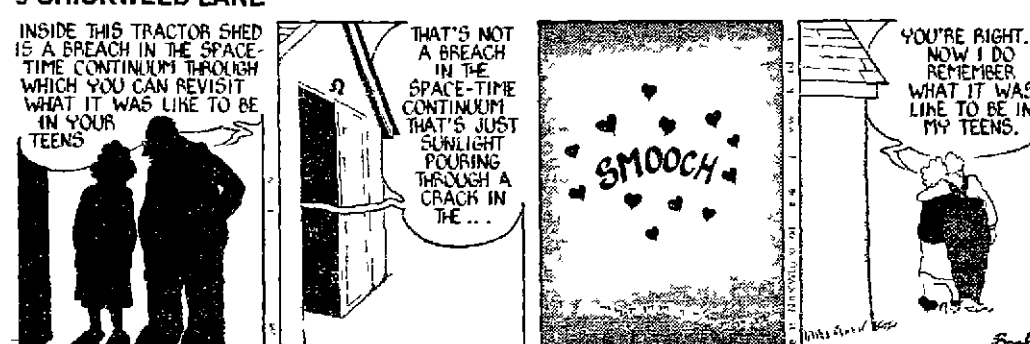
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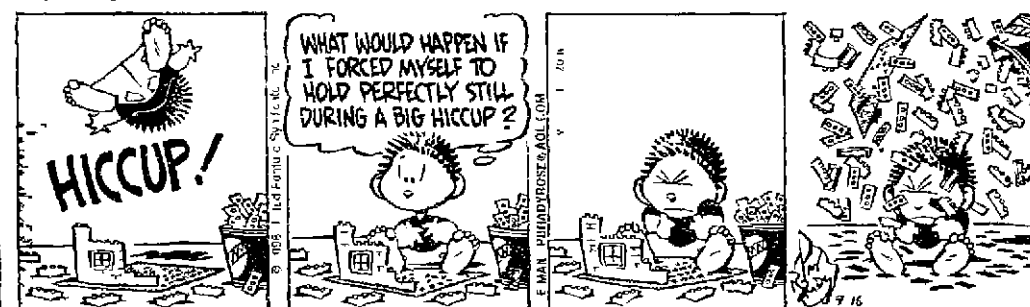
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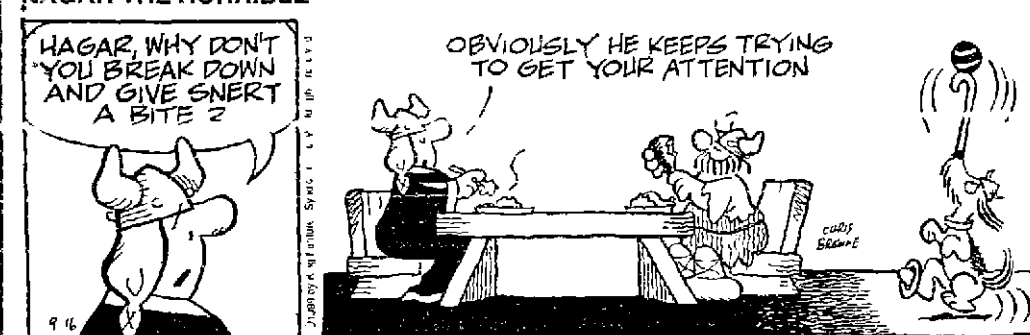
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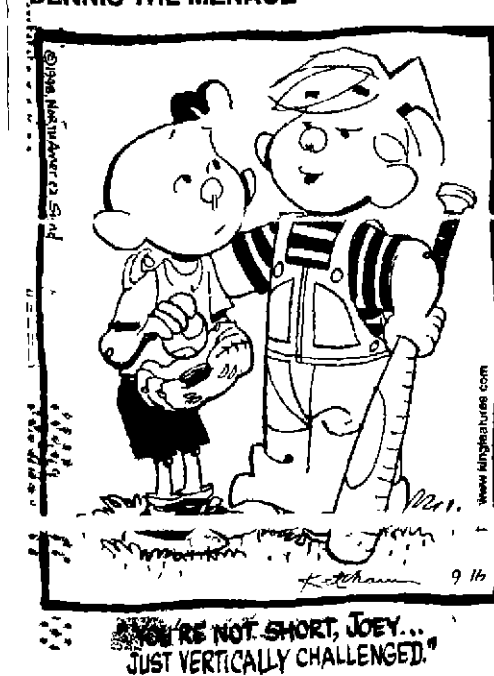
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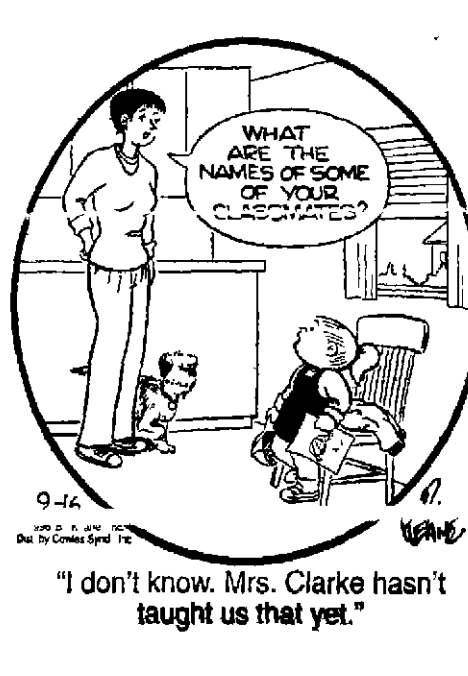
DILBERT



DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

"Candid Camera" creator Allen Funt is 84. Actress Lauren Bacall is 74. U.S. singer D.D. King is 73. Clergyman-author Rev. Robert Schuller is 72. Actor Peter Falk is 71. Actor George Chakiris is 65. Actress Linda Miller is 56. Actress Susan Ruttan is 50. Musician Kenney Jones (Small Faces, Faces, The Who) is 50. Actor Ed Begley is 49. Actor Mickey Rourke is 42. Magician David Copperfield is 42. Singer Richard Marx is 35.

I NEED HELP



Dr. Frankenstein discovers organ rejection.

SCRABBLE

PAR SCORE 105-115
by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merrim-Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 9-16-98

For solution, see Classified.

HOROSCOPE

For Thursday, Sept. 17, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You are in full possession of your faculties. Take this time to make progress toward your goals.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Be aware that tempers might flare up, and use your good sense to resolve arguments.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You are allowed to be amusing, but do not let storytelling and play-acting get out of hand.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Choose something that will give you pleasure without making too much of a dent in finances.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Set a fast pace right now; you will be able to keep your momentum for the immediate future.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) If you venture outside, be prepared to experience energy in a higher voltage than you can handle.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Your ability to make people happy extends to acquaintances, friends and even strangers.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) If you attend to the basics now, you will lay the foundation to achieve the greatest heights.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) The extremes you go to right now might intimidate others but will bring you closer to the pinnacle of success.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Feel free to go with your impulse if that is the only way to remain unaffected by the craziness around you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) You are in an expansive state of mind, so simply might not be able to deal with the mundane.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) The confusion you feel might be caused by a clutter of minor details. Draw up a plan of action.

WORD SLEUTH

Types of seashells

W X T Q N J G C Z W T Q N J G
D A X U R O R O Z A R L J G H
D A X V S P E S N B E K I N C
F C A X V S T Q U A P O L O N
J H E C A X S V P L P T C T O
R P N L J H Y F I O I K D I C
B Y M X V T O M R N L T P R H
O M K A I K P G E E S L U T O
D B Z X L E S S U M W U A A R
T R Q O T C N A E I R W O C N
L J I G F E N O C D C A Y X S

Tuesday's unlisted clue: MEAL.

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Wednesday's unlisted clue hunt: MAY CONTAIN A PEARL.

Abalone Conch Limpet Scallop
Cask Cone Mussel Slipper
Clam Cowrie Nautilus Triton
Cockle Horn Razor

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For solution, see Classified.

ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

"I could never risk the heart finesse," confessed a duplicate player to his more experienced friend. "If the heart king were off-side I'd throw away a cold game." "You must learn to minimize the risk," replied the friend. "It was only the beginning of the explanation. The timid player took dummy's diamond ace and cashed dummy's club king. West's discard bringing bad news. Had West followed suit, South could have afforded to overtake the queen and try the heart finesse with no risk. As he couldn't waste a club honor, he settled for his sure nine tricks. He took his six clubs and three top red-suit tricks for a below-average score. How did the other player minimize his risk? Against the same opening lead, he cashed dummy's club king. West discarding as before. To impress East, he continued with dummy's club queen to emphasize his six running club tricks. Then came the surprise. Instead of leading another club, he led a low heart from dummy. What was the effect of this play? A typical East who held the heart king without the jack would hesitate momentarily to decide whether he should take his king and cash out. When East followed low without a problem, South had his vital clue. South's heart 10 went to West's jack, and a second diamond went to South's king. South then ran his club suit and took a confident heart finesse to score the important duplicate overtrick. A declarer who creates revealing clues reduces a risky play to an odds-on bet."

NORTH 09-16-4
♠ Q J 9 2
♥ A Q 7 4 2
♦ A
♣ K Q 7

WEST
♠ 8 7 5 3
♥ K J 9 3
♦ Q J 10 7 3
♣ A

EAST
♠ A K 10
♥ 8 5
♦ 9 6 5 2
♣ A J 8 6 5 3

SOUTH
♠ 6 4
♥ 10 6
♦ K 8 4
♣ A J 8 6 5 3

Vulnerable North-South
Dealer North

The bidding
North East South West
1♥ Pass 1NT Pass
3NT Pass Pass

Opening lead: Diamond queen

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

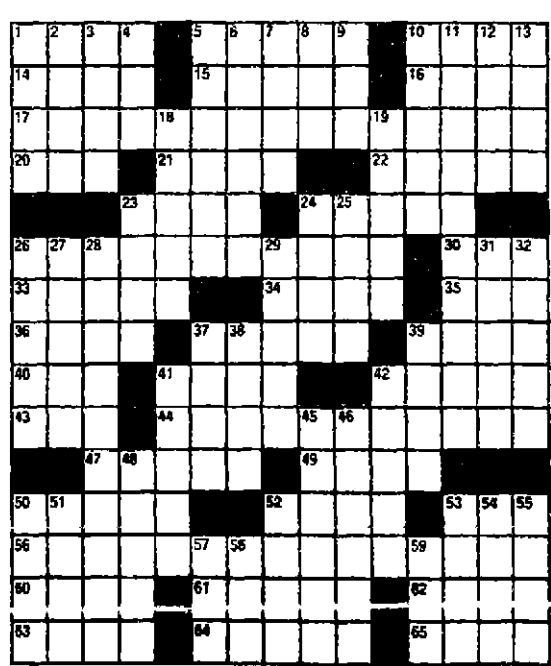
No. 0805

- ACROSS**
- Big sugar exporter
 - Find repugnant
 - Hiking locale
 - about (approximately)
 - Playground feature
 - Quick reply, say
 - Start of a quip
 - Chesspiece
 - Luau souvenirs
 - Cut off
 - Cropped photos?
 - Kind of throat
 - Part 2 of the quip
 - Naval mits
 - Run out
 - Cuts off
 - Alley —
- DOWN**
- Provide with a hideout, perhaps
 - Breaks up, in a way
 - Skilled
 - 007's creator Fleming
 - Clinic
 - Alfian or Thai
 - Like one in a series
 - Part 3 of the quip
 - Locale in western London
 - Fringe
 - Sitcom pioneer Desi
 - Nicolas of "Con Air"
 - Humorous fellow
 - End of the quip
 - Doomsayer's sign
 - Knot-tying site
 - Gumbo vegetable
 - Assembled
 - Thick-soled shoes
 - Top-quality

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

ALPS ARAL SAFER
TOUT FARE OCALA
TALE CHEVYCHASE
ATLAS NIBOE
CHUMPCCHANGE ASU
HEP APO GREGOR
AROMAS LEAM
CHINESECHECKERS
AEON STEPHEN

ALPHAC LED WBA
GYS CHARLIECHAN
SCOPE DRANG
CHOCHEMAM ALTO
DITOW LUBY ZEAL
SPENT DAME ERMA



Puzzle by Patrick Jordan

- 28** Generous
29 Distant
30 Gmder
31 Devote, as time
32 El —, Tex
33 City northeast of St. Etienne
34 Tennis legend
- 48** Judy of "Laugh-In"
49 Elemental particle
50 Ancient capital
51 Censor of 51-Down
- 53** Str
54 Superciliousness
55 Small buzzer
56 Hoover, e.g., informally
57 Add-on
58 Tar
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